

No	Questions and Queries	Responses
1.	Is Ethiopia not part of the project for the case studies?	For this assignment, Ethiopia is not included as part of the case studies.
2.	How does this RFP relate to the ESO ecosystems study that was carried out last year?	The ESOs ecosystem study examined the broader ESO landscape, whereas this assignment will focus specifically on ESOs supported under the NIS project.
3.	Does the consulting company need to have a physical presence in all five countries?	No, the consulting firm is not required to have a physical presence in all five countries to undertake this assignment.
4.	Is field travel expected, and does the consultant need to budget for it?	Field travel is not expected as part of this assignment. However, should a consultant choose to include field travel in their proposed approach, all associated costs must be appropriately budgeted for within their proposal.
5.	Is all the documentation for the case studies in English, or are there also reports in French (Benin) and Portuguese (Mozambique)?	The primary documentation for this assignment is in English; however, some original source documents may be available in French and Portuguese.
6.	Are submissions in the form of PDF acceptable?	Yes, submissions in PDF format are acceptable for this assignment.
7.	On page 5 of the RFP, I did not understand what "5 sides of A4" means , apologies. Is the alternative to submitting a PowerPoint a 5-page Word document?	We confirm that a five-page Word document may be submitted as an alternative to a PowerPoint presentation. This option is acceptable, provided that the document clearly and comprehensively presents the required information.
8.	Budget scope: Does the total budget ceiling of USD 15,000 include all costs such as travel and field-related expenses, or does it cover consultancy fees only, with travel budgeted separately?	The total budget allocated for this assignment is USD 15,000. This amount is comprehensive and is intended to cover all associated costs and expenses related to the execution and completion of the assignment.

9.	Remote delivery: Would GAIN consider proposals from consultancies planning to conduct all interviews and data collection remotely (i.e., without in-country travel to Nigeria, Benin, Uganda, Mozambique, and/or Kenya)? If so, are there any specific expectations regarding in-person engagement with ESOs or GAIN country teams?	Yes, GAIN is open to considering proposals from consultants that plan to conduct all interviews and data collection remotely. There are no specific requirements or expectations for in-person engagement, and remote approaches are deemed acceptable provided they ensure the quality and integrity of the data collected.
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Response to Queries on Case Studies and Learning Synthesis of Nutrition Impact at Scale (NIS) Work RFP